

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
March 20, 2012 Meeting
1930 EST
Harold Martin School
APPROVED

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 1938 EDT.

Present were: Derek Owen, Lee Wilder, Tim White, Rob Knight and Ron Klemarczyk

Notice: HCC web site should say we meet at HMS, 7:30 PM, usually 3rd Tuesday of the month.

1. Guests Katherine Mitchell and Scott Clay (Map 204, Lot 7) re Town having any interest in Map 204 Parcel 13. (Small map provided by Scott – attached.) Town owns lot 15. Lot 13 has ~75 A. in Warner and ~33 in Hopkinton. Lot 13.1 is the Contoocook Village precinct's Water Treatment Plant. Ron reports that part of Hardy Spring Brook is on the lot as well as a nice vernal pool. Currently James Barrett owns Lot 13. It is currently assessed for \$165,700. Could be four house lots? Discussion followed. We looked at the Warner Tax Map (on-line) to see what the adjacent lots in Warner looked like. Ron will check with Rich Cook (Warner) and the Contoocook Village Water Precinct (Bill Chapin). The Mitchell's will check back with us.
2. Minutes of the February 21, 2012 HCC Meeting were APPROVED (with pronoun correction) as written.
3. Map 243Lot 44, currently owned by the Town. The Bohanans have approached the Selectmen re its purchase. The 14 acres are landlocked and heavily forested. HCC should do a site walk? Should Five Rivers hold an easement consistent with the easement the Bohanans have on the adjacent land and monitor it? It was agreed to meet at 5 PM Monday (3/26/12) at Bohanan parking for site walk.
4. April 14, 2012 is the Saving Special Places workshop. Rob and Lee were approved to attend for the HCC.
5. Misc. notices were passed around and discussed.
6. HCC Budget of 02/29/12 was discussed.
7. Invoice from Neatline Associates for the HCC Mapping Project to create a Trail Map and Conservation Land web site. "Close to being on-line" - hopefully by Town Meeting. Moved, seconded and voted to pay this invoice from the HCC Conservation Fund.
8. Rob, Erick, Jeff Taylor and a Merrimack County Conservation District staff member visited Ransmeier Woods, Hawthorn Town Forest, Rollins Lot and Houston Fields. They needed site maps. Rob and Ron provided some. He paid for copying and postage, which was \$21.24. It was moved, seconded and approved to reimburse him from the Town Forest Fund. It was noted that any "Invasive Species" actions taken, depend upon our goals. Waiting for Jeff's recommendation.

9. Burning of the fields at the Rollins Lot and Lewis Lot will begin Wed. 03/21/12 by Hopkinton Fire. May be a cost for some “suppression foam.” Ron made a motion to reimburse Fire Department for foam used. Seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2110 EDT. Next meeting is Tuesday April 17, 2012 at 1930 EST @ HMS. Jed Merrow is host. Thanks to Derek for homemade cookies and lemonade.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary